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I went to see John Hughes at the Talleyrand this morning and we went over a number of matters regarding American foreign policy.

André Dewavrin came in at noon to see me. He severed his connection with the British Ferguson Tractor Company about six months ago but continues to be associated with Emil Roche in a commercial bank in Paris. He would like, if a suitable opportunity presented itself, to represent some American industrial firm operating in Europe.

We had lunch today with Paul Reynaud and his wife. There were the Fourcades, General and Madame Berthoire, Paul-Louis Weiller, Robert de Billy and ourselves. I had a long talk after lunch with Madame Berthoire about 18th Century French diarists and writers of memoirs. She has a fine inherited collection of letters of this period.

Reynaud talked to me [redacted] frankly about the difficulties that have arisen during the present debate on foreign policy. He has insisted, with Laniel and Bidault, upon the necessity of not making a compromise on the resolution which will be considered at the end of the debate, and which will serve as a guiding principle for the Foreign Ministers' Conference at The Hague and the reunion at Bermuda. He is worried as to what may result, and went back to the Chamber to listen to this afternoon's debate.

Stan Cleveland returned from Germany this morning. He advanced our views to Ophuls yesterday and, after being approved by Hallstein, they were accepted by the Chancellor, who presumably presented them to François-Poncet yesterday afternoon. The position outlined to ~~François-Poncet on November 9 and that taken~~ by Adenauer on November 19 do not seem so far apart as to render compromise impossible.

Tonight we had Philippe de Rothschild, ~~Pauline Potter, Nancy Lancaster, John~~ Fowler, and Kay Halle for dinner.

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